U. S. GIVES ITS SANCTION TO BASEBALL

Gen. March Says There's No Reason Why Game Should Not Be Resumed in Spring.

Gen. March's Reply.

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President Johnson understands that the stars of baseball who joined the service, among them Ty Cobb. Benny Kauff, "Hank" Gowdy and others, will be among the first to receive their discharges, so they will be able to join their clubs on the spring training trips. Cobb is a captain in a chemical division now in France.

Definite plans for the resumption of the game will be launched at the annual meeting of the major lesgues this month. The National league will hold its secsions in New York on Dec. 10, and the American league, in all probability, will convene in Cheago two days later.

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Johnson said he did not believe there would be a joint session of the two leagues, although the 7 atlonal league has requested it. Committees from the two organizations, together with a committee from the National Association if Minor Leagues, probably will meet soon after the sessions of the majors to settle a number of questions of policy confronting them.

The minor leagues, at their annual convention in Peeria, Ill., two weeks ago, demanded that the major leagues relinquish the right to draft their star players and also urged a number of other reforms.

AVIATORS TAKE UP BASKETBALL

Park Field Officers Organize Team and Start Play.

Alperin, an sold baskethall player, who is thoroughly familiar with the game, and who is expecting to arrange a fast team. The first game on the schedule of the aviators is slated for Friday night, when they will go over to Jonesboro, Ark, to play the Y. M. C. A. team there. From Jonesboro they will move over to Little Rock and meet the Camp Pike baskethall team Saturday night. They will return to Memphis Sunday.

In addition to this officers' team, there will be several other good teams as the enlisted men are taking to the game with a rush, and several good games are promised. A number of contests will be staged between the men at the field, and some warm competition is certain to result.

Which means—

Baseball will be back with bells on next season.

Such an announcement from the war department has been expected for some the part of the baseball magnates in closing up their parks when the work of fight order was made a big hit with officials at Washington. Now that the worst is over, the first thing Gen. March does is to whatever. Gen, March does is to whatever. Gen

SOLDIERS TO STAGE **BIG ATHLETIC MEET**

Finals of Contest To Be Held

An after-the-war suggestion: An exhibition at the Art institute of the various works of big league hall play-



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PARK FIELD FOOTBALL ELEVEN **DISBANDS AS PLAYERS SCATTER**

The flyers' team won one game and lost two. The only decision the Park field boys managed to get this season was over the Mississippi Aggles, who were routed by the flyers by the score of 6-0, a blocked punt in the last period

Won One Game and Lost Two to Show for 1918 Season's Record.

By Bob Pigue.

Football activities at Park field aviation school are bottled up for the duration school are bottled up for the duration of the winter and approaching summer. The eleven representing the aviators has disbanded, the players are scattering and all that is left of the team is memories.

After a season which proved disasticus it was decided by those handling it the team to disband, as many men were being discharged, some of the stars were injured and unable to play, and other circumstances combined to make it advisable to bring the season to a close as far as Park field is concerned.

The first two stars to go were Elchelberger and Twiford, two of the strong cogs in the Park field machine, they having received their discharges from the service and returning to their respective hemes. Others had been discharged prior to this pair going, and with the declaration of peace and everything considered, the aviators decided to pass up football.

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The happiest baseball tidings that have filtered over the Associated Press wires in many days came today, when Gen. March, chief of staff, notified Ban Johnson, American league president, that baseball, the king of sports, was changed from the nonessential ranks to the essential.

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The baseball Bolsheviki, Frazee and fempstead, are now convinced that its asier to start something than to find it. They meant to clip off Bandoinson's head, but Ban is about to urn the tables on them, and indicatons are that both Frazee and Hemptead will be baseballically ostracized.

EARLY DISCHARGES.

Now that Uncle Sam has notified the hasehall heads that he favors baseball next season, it is reasonable to believe that the discharges of the ball players who hastened into the service when their country called will be coming shortly.

Without those players now in the service baseball will be hard put to operate next season. Many are already on these shores and others are on the way over. Some are in camp. They are anxious for their discharges. They want to take up where they left off in baseball. They feel they've done their bit and are ready to doff khaki for baseball spangles.

As long as the war was going on the As long as the war was going on the ball players were sticking to the service and anxious to remain until they had run the entire Potsdam gang of cutthroads off the map. But now that it's over over there, they're ready to resume their former status. They want to return to civil life—and baseball.

It is felt that with the earnest cooperation that baseball gave the country in the contractions of the contractions of the contractions of the contractions. try during the war, the war department will reciprocate and will hasten the discharges of the men now in the service

MAJOR PROGRAM

So Learns Bill Phelon as a Re-

Finals of Contest To Be Held in Paris, France.

AMERICAN ARMY HEADQUIAR. AMENICAN ARMY HEADQUIAR Associated Press, 1—Plans are under Massociated Press, 1—Plans are under Wills have the distinction of boxing before the mesident and the king is already known been approved by Gen. Pershing American commander-In-chief, and the finals of the contests will be held in Paris. If possible.

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The army will be assisted by the athletic trainers of the Y. M. C. A. the Knights of Columbus and other organizations in rounding out the men for the track and field events. Purely American soliters, but British, French, Relgian and Italian soldiers will be asked to meet the Americans in the finals of other events.

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A schedule consisting of 140 games, each club playing 29 games with every team, instead of the former set of 22-such are the ideas now prevailing among the magnates, according to Scribbler Bill Phelon, who has done some interviewing. Long ago the club played 126 games, then raised the limit to 140, but soon hoisted this to 154.

During the time between April 10 and May 1, the players can be conditioned under the climatic zones in which they have to do their regular playing, and considerable money can be made by exhibition games.

TWO CATCHERS SHARE LIMELIGHT IN A. L.; O'NEILL AND SCHALK REAL WAR HORSES



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SPEAKER MAY

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TRIS SPEAKER.

Tris Speaker, star batsman for the Cleveland American league baseball club, is to succeed Lee Fohl as manager of the team. Announcement of Speaker's promotion will be made at the annual meeting of the league in chicago next week, it is said Fohl will be given the option of romaining with the Indians as coach of pitchers, the position he held before becoming manager.



The complete financial returns of the boxing shows held throughout the country under the supervision of Jim Coffroth in the united war work drive for funds have not yet been compiled, but judging by the shows that have been heard from to date it can be said that boxing did its bit for the soldiers. The five shows given in New York San Francisco, Boston, Bridgeport and Wilmington netting about \$55,000 The New York show resulted in \$24,000 being turned over to the fund while San Francisco produced the second largest amount, \$13,000.

The boxing show in Bridgeport, which was attended by the munition workers, amounted to nearly \$4,000, while Boston accounted for \$1,000. The promoters of that city are planning a second show for the war workers and expect to do better than they did in the first. In Wilmington, where \$3,000 was raised, the committee, upon being notified that the money came through the medium of boxing, refused to accept it, but as the fight fans of that city turned out to the show with the idea that their money was going to be donated to the united war work campaign, it would be unfair to the glove game to omit the amount from the sum realized from boxing.

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Connie Mack will be one of the out-standing figures in the reconstruction of baseball. He can reconstruct a ball club out of an orphan asylum

"Had I had a working agreement with Cleveland a year or so before I did," says Walter McCredle, former manager of the Portland Coast league team, "Walter Johnson would have come to Cleveland instead of Wash-legton."

SPOKE AS MANAGER.

Tris Speaker, one of the premiers of the American league. It is not continued to the control of the control come to Cleveland instead of Washington.

I never have seen Johnson pitch, but I heard a lot about him when he was pitching for a semipro team in Weiser Idaho. Every time be would work, striking out 20 or 25 men. I would get a message to come and look him over I sent severat agents down to size him up and try to sign him. My scouts were enthusiastic over him but every time they would try to get him to sign with Portland the owners of the Weiser club would meet the ante by putting a couple of more peol tables or another barber chair in Johnson's place.

"There was only one way to get Johnson out of Weiser and that was to make him a big league offer. I had no such affinations and could not do so, but when Cliff Blankenship came through with an offer for Walter to go to Washington it was a einch."

FOR PEACE MEET Baker Says Military Needs of Signalized Defeat.

Supplement West Point.

sation of hostilities, is attached to that of the secretary as is the report of Chairman Fondick, or the commission on training camp activities.

An adequate account of the activities of the department for the year flow ending can be written." Mr. Baker says, "only in the long reactes of his torical inquiry when there will be time and opportunity to examine in detail not rerely statistical exhibits, which tell in numbers of men and guns what he merely statistical exhibits, which came from field and factory, which came from field and factory which came from field and factory within and soldier alike, and which represent in their aggregate the life of the nation concentrated upon a single purpose.

In his helet recital of events of the war, Mr. Baker selects the battle of the Meuse as "from the viewpoint of military strategy. America's greatest contribution to the auccessful nutcome of the war, since by that attack of the American grantes the Sedan-Mezieres.

Baker Says Military Needs of Nation Cannot Be Prudently Assessed Until World Status Is Known Definitely.

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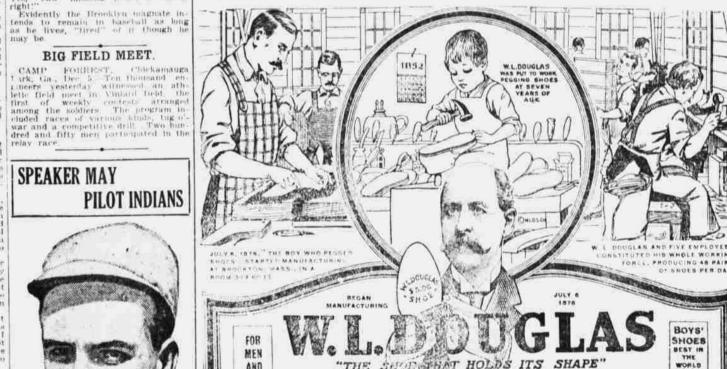
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REILY TO SPEAK

MERIDIAN, Miss. Dec. 5. (Spl.) — Marion W Helly will deliver the ad-dress next Sunday in Meridian's cele-bration of Britain day. A musical probration of Britain day. A musical program is being arranged by the matines musical club and songs of England, France, Italy and America will be sung. The relebration will be hold at the courthouse Sunday afternoon at 2

GREECE GETS LOAN.

WASHINGTON for b direct was given a credit of \$23.784,036 Wednesday by the treasury. This made the total of the Greek government's loans from the United States \$33.554,036 and the total of all ailies' loans \$8,220,340,702.



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